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Hydrocolloid Adhesive Compositions

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2000 please amend the abovedescribed application as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 16 and 20 as follows:

Amended). A pressure sensitive hydrocolloid adhesive for medical use comprising the following composition by percentage weight:

a) from about 2% to about 10% ethylene propylene rubber

b) from about 9.5% to about 16% styrenic block copolymer

c) from about 24% to about 33% polyvinylcyclohexane tackifying resin having a softening point below about 37°Q

d) from about up to .5% anti-oxidant

e) from about 15% to about35%/NaCMC (Low DS)

f) from about 5% to about 20% pectin

g) from 0% to about 6% tackifier with low softening point

h) from about 3% to about 12% plasticizer

i) from 0% to about 25% NaCMC (high DS)

j) from 0% to about 6% powdered cellulose

wherein the probe tack force in grams is in the range of 400-750[.], saline absorbency is in the range of about 500-5000g/m<sup>2</sup>/d, and tensile strength is in the range of about 500-3500 g/cm<sup>2</sup>.

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